Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) and (*b*) A statement showing the number of licenses issued and the total amount derived therefrom is given below:—

Year	No of new licenses issued	No. renewed	Total	Total amount derived Rs.
1107	3	Nil	3	30
1108	6	2	8	80
1109	1	6	7	70
1110	9	6	15	150
1111	10	8	18	180
1112	20	19	39	338
1113	38	25	63	618
1114	9	5	14	134
	96	71	167	1,600

CHERUTHURUTHI T. B.—IMPROVEMENTS TO.

233. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any officer of the Engineering Department has received in 1113 or 1114 any letter or report from the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development complaining about the inadequacy of equipment or arrangements in the Cheruthuruthi T. B. or suggesting any improvements to be made;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to print and place a copy of that communication on the table of the House;

(*c*) if answer to (*a*) is in the negative, will they be pleased to state whether the Hon'ble Minister has written anything about the Cheruthuruthi T. B. to any officer of the Engineering Department;

(*d*) what are the contents of that letter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): No letter on the subject has been received from the Hon'ble Minister either in the Chief Engineer's Office or in that of the Assistant Engineer, Eastern Division, Vadakkancheri, under whose charge the T. B. is.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know, Sir, whether any letter in the Huzur Secretariat has been received to the same effect?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development has sent any letter to the Huzur Secretariat regarding this?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No.

FACTORY LAW—DISABILITIES OF WOMEN LABOURERS.

234. Mrs. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-Women*): (*a*) ഫാക്ടറി നിയമത്തിൽ സ്ത്രീകളെ ജോലിക്കു നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനു വല്ല തടസ്ഥവുമുണ്ടോ;

(*b*) അവക്കു Maternity Leave അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ, അതു എത്രകാലത്തേക്കാണു;

(*c*) ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ മറ്റു വലിയ സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളിലേയും ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൻ ഡ്യയിലേയും നിയമങ്ങൾ തമ്മിൽ പറയത്തക്ക വ്യത്യാസമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Factories Act 27, 29, 45 വകുപ്പുകളിൽ ക്രിച്ചും ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള നിബന്ധനകൾ അല്ലാതെ വേറെ യാതൊരു തടസ്ഥവും ഇല്ല.

(*b*) Maternity Benefits Act പ്രകാരം പ്രസവത്തിനു കവിഞ്ഞതു് ര് ആഴ്ച മുമ്പും പ്രസവം കഴിഞ്ഞു ര് ആഴ്ചക്കും അവധി അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

(*c*) Indian Factories Act-ം Cochin Factories Act-ം തമ്മിൽ പറയത്തക്ക ഭേദം കാണുന്നില്ല.

A. S., ATHICODE, CHITTUR—ASSUMPTION OF.

235. Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many pupils are there in the A. S., Athicode in Chittur Taluk;

(*b*) is it not a backward area in point of literacy;

(*c*) what proportion of pupils of school-going age attends the school;

(*d*) whether they are not aware that Christian youths do not attend this school on religious grounds;

(*e*) whether they had not the idea of assuming the management of the school;

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